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SUBJECT: EVALUATION AMSPEC STUART LEVINE

1. PROF. STUART LEVINE, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, AMSPEC, AMERICAN STUDIES. WS-00.

2. QF-U, ED-F, AR-F, RO-G, FLC-F.

3. THE LECTURE ON AMERICAN ART AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STARTED OUT WITH A LARGE SRO AUDIENCE OF DEAN OF FACULTY, PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS. HOWEVER, BY THE END OF THE INTERESTING BUT POORLY-DELIVERED (READ IN BADLY PRONOUNCED SPANISH) 90 MINUTE LECTURE, ONLY HALF THE ORIGINAL NUMBER REMAINED.

4. SMALLER AND SIMILARLY COMPOSED AUDIENCE ATTENDED POE LECTURE AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. AGAIN, LEVINE'S ENTHUSIASM FOR HIS SUBJECT AND HIS TASK COULD NOT OVERCOME THE SHEER BOREDOM AND CONFUSION OF HIS DELIVERY. ONLY FEW COULD FULLY COMPREHEND AND APPRECIATE HIS MORE SCHOLARLY IF NOT ESOTERIC REFERENCES TO POE RESEARCH.

5. LEVINE, WITH SUPPORT OF WIFE SUSAN, MUCH BETTER IN SOCIAL GATHERINGS WITH SMALLER GROUPS. DINNER AT PAO RESIDENCE (C.U. DEAN AND RECTOR AMONG INVITED GUESTS) AND LUNCHEON AT BNC  
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REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL.

6. REPORTS FROM POSTS IN LEVINE'S TOUR MOST USEFUL AND APPRECIATED AS INFORMATION, BUT LECTUREER UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO TAKE OBVIOUS HINTS TOWARD CORRECTION OF FAULTS IN PRESENTATION.

7. CONCLUSION: THIS POST HAS A HISTORY OF UNREWARDING EXPERIENCES WITH AMSPECS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS LANGUAGE SKILLS WHICH TURN OUT TO BE LESS THAN FIRST DESCRIBED. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT LEVINE'S PERFORMANCE FURTHER CONFIRMS THIS EXPERIENCE.  
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